

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A trocar assembly comprising:

an obturator defining a longitudinal axis and having first and second ends,

a sharpened tip positioned on the first end of the obturator and a hand grip

positioned on a second end of the obturator opposite the first end, and a cushioned

member positioned on at least one pressure contact surface of the hand grip.
2. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned

member is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.
3. A surgical instrument according to Claim 2, wherein the cushioned

member is over-molded onto the hand grip.
4. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned

portion is formed from an elastomeric material.
5. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member

is secured to the hand grip with an adhesive.
6. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member

is secured to the hand grip by welding.
7. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned

member is formed from a slip resistant material.
8. A trocar assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the elastomeric

material is selected from the group consisting of isoprene, nitrile and silicon.
9. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the hand grip is

formed from a thermoplastic material and the cushioned member is formed from an elastomeric material.

10. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is over-molded onto the hand grip.